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**Subject:** CT Library Budget Cuts

Dear CT Budget People,

As a Board member of the Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury, CT, I know first hand how important library services are to a small town.

The synergy of numerous organizations and the pooling of resources allows a variety of services to be provided that would otherwise be unaffordable. For the State to suddenly eliminate their portion of the funding for these programs will once again isolate patrons, both urban and rural. The library component is a relatively tiny fraction of the overall budget; the savings are trivial while the negative impact is great.

I therefore urge all those involved to restore the funding for Connecticard, Cooperating Library Service Units, Grants to Public Libraries, Connecticut Education Network and the Commission for Educational Technology.

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